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Applicant: Ichihara et al.

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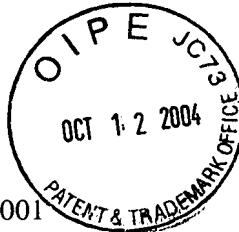
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Examiner: Faber, Alan



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)).....	\$ 55.00
() By other than a small entity	\$ 110.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)).....	\$ 215.00
(X) By other than a small entity	\$ 430.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)).....	\$ 490.00
() By other than a small entity	\$ 980.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)).....	\$ 765.00
() By other than a small entity	\$1,530.00

Extension fee for response within fifth month:

() By a small entity (§1.9(f)).....	\$1,040.00
() By other than a small entity	\$2,080.00

(X) A check in the amount of \$430.00 is enclosed.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A

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